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NAME: GEHLEN, Reinhard (ex-Brig. Gen.)

GEHLEN van VAERNEWYCK, Reinhard: Occasional references to this name which would indicate that either Subject or his father combined their surname with that of Subject's mother -- fairly common practise in Germany.

ALIAS: Dr. Richard SCHNEIDER, b. 4 Mar 1905. Covername used within the Org.  
Richard GARNER, b. 8 Apr 1902 *correct one*  
Robert GONTARD, b. 4 Mar 1905.

(Subject has been issued at various times German identity papers in connection with the three aliases mentioned above).

Hans HOLBEIN, b. 21 Jan 1905. Issued AGO-card D-147996. This alias used only occasionally, for instance in travelling to Austria.

Dr. GROSS ) These aliases used whenever special precautionary measures are  
Dr. ERNST ) warranted and wherever mistaken identity with another person of the same name is desirable.

Robert GRABER, b. 5 Jun 1904, Liegnitz, Schlesien. (Kaufmann).

BORN: 3 Apr 1902; Erfurt, Thuringia, Germany.

RELIGION: Protestant.

RESIDENCE: Berg a/Starnberger See, Waldstr 68. (near Munich, Germany).

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION: Photo.

Height: 174 cms Weight: 65-72 kg Eyes: blue Hair: dark blonde,  
Face-shape: round Complexion: light Build: medium central baldness  
Scars:

Prominent ident. features: military bearing, extremely young looking compared with chronological years, small mustache, wears glasses.

FATHER: GEHLEN, Walther; b. 24 Jul 1871 in Koblenz. Deceased 1943.  
(Director of a Publishing Firm in Leipzig. Former Army officer, retired after WW I with the rank of Lt. Col. Re-activated in WW II, held unimportant administrative position).  
Margarete

MOTHER: GEHLEN, Katharina/b. 12 Jun 1881 (nee von VAERNEWYCK). Deceased 1921.

WIFE: GEHLEN, Herta Charlotte Agnes Helene b. 17 Mar/Apr 1904, Leobschuetz, Silesia.  
(the daughter of Friedrich-Wilhelm and Meta (nee EICHNER) von SEYDLITZ-KURZBACH).

CHILDREN: GEHLEN, Katharina b. 19 Jan 34, Berlin.  
GEHLEN, Christoph b. 11 Feb 37, Berlin.  
GEHLEN, Marie Therese b. 4 Sep 40, Liegnitz.  
GEHLEN, Dorothee b. 28 Feb 43, Liegnitz.

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OTHER RELATIVES: Subject is one of four children resulting from three marriages by his father, each following the death of the previous wife. One of these marriages resulted in two children and each of the others in one. At least one of the wives had been previously married and had children. Thus Subject has full, half, and step brothers and sisters.

GEHLEN, Giovanni b. 15 Mar 1901, Rome, Italy. *(full brother)*

GEHLEN, Walter (Dr) b. ca 1905, Germany. Book-editor. Killed during bombardment on Nuremberg on 20 Feb 1945.

GEHLEN, fnu (male). Died in the Orient (Shanghai) during the war.

von GEHLEN, Barbara (nee GEHLEN) b. 5 Jul 1912 Breslau, Germany. (Barbara married a distant relative, Walter Carlos von GEHLEN, ex-German Navy employee, trained lawyer, who had worked for the British on a Navy Project in Kiel, also listed as an accountant. He was transferred to Lisbon from Brazil where he is presently listed as the Counselor for Economic Affairs of the German Legation, Lisbon, Portugal).

SCHNEEMILCH, Hans Dietrich (Dr of medicine) b. 4 Jan 09 Schoppnitz, Krs. Kattowitz (Step-Br.)  
fnu, fnu (Dr) also a step-brother.

SEYDLITZ-KURZBACH, Joachim Hans Sigismund von b. 7 Dec 11 Loebeschuetz. Brother-in-law.

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## ZIPPER EMPLOYMENT:

EOD: 1946 (USIS Co-operation)  
 Payroll No: 3002. Jan 55 pr, from "S" to "P" category: DM 1845/2500.  
 Emergency No:  
 Position: Chief, Section 88 (ex-Section 30).  
 Organization:  
 Cover Unit: Industrial Research Unit.  
 7924 Army Procurement Team.  
 Subject is connected with Bavarian Light Metals Works.  
 Special Connections : 20  
 Housing Loan No. 8, dated 1 Apr 51.  
 Bank: Bayerische Vereinsbank, Munich.

## DOCUMENTATION:

Passport: Reinhard GEHLEN van VAERNEWYCK, TTD # 0006485 (50-51).  
 Reinhard GEHLEN: TTD 0006440 issued Stuttgart, 30 Sep 49 valid to 30 Mar 50 for USA.  
 TTD 0006329 valid for Switzerland, Austria; Italy, Spain and France (50).  
 TTD 0587767 issued 20 Jun 51 for UJDRACO purpose.  
 Passport No. 849/51.  
 Robert GONTARD: Passport No. 186070.  
 Passport No. 49203.  
 Robert GRÄBER: Passport No. 7203699, Reg. Nr. CA-1004/54 issued 5 Nov 54, Munich, profession: Kaufmann.  
 Kennkarte: Reinhard GEHLEN: H 519712, 3 Mar 47, Police President, Frankfurt/M.  
 B 03611.  
 Richard SCHNEIDER: H 478955 (also listed as H 478055). Address: Munich, Seefelderstr 8.  
 Pistol Permit: Reinhard GEHLEN: Automatic pistol permit GC 01082, 20 Mar 51.  
 Pistol Permit, F & D, B 046419, 6 Feb 53, automatic pistol, Belg. Browning, Ser # 108877.  
 Richard SCHNEIDER: Gun permit GC 01025, F & D, 1 Mar 51, automatic pistol German Walther PPK, Serial # 227066 K.  
 7th Army E Letter: Issued 29 Jul 53.  
 ZIPPER ID Card: B 03611.  
 ZIPPER "E" Card:  
 Gate Pass: Richard SCHNEIDER, # 1068.

## REFERENCES: MGMA-870.

22 Sep 49 WASH-316.	15 Jul 50 PULLF-801.	11 Mar 52 MGLA-10713.	4 Oct 54, EGLA-
17 Nov 49 MGKW-3446.	17 Jul 50 WASHF-9915.	28 Mar 52 MSBA-5170.	10921.
5 Dec 49 MGHA-3780.	18 Jul 50 MGKW-5501.	11 Apr 52 MGQA-3402.	25 Jan 55 EGLW-
8 Dec 49 MGKA-12714.	19 Jul 50 MGKA-20774.	22 Apr 52 MGQA-3873.	1296.
9 Dec 49 MGKA-12751.	19 Jul 50 MGLA-2658.	17 May 52 MGLA-11678.	18 May 55 EGLA-
4 Jan 50 MGLA-1015.	28 Aug 50 MGKA-22030.	29 May 52 MGLA-11778.	14168.
7 Feb 50 MGKA-14279.	28 Aug 50 MGKW-6130.	17 Jun 52 PULLF-3715.	26 Aug 55 PULL-
7 Mar 50 MGLA-1419.	6 Sep 50 MGKW-6180.	19 Aug 52 MGLA-12873.	1464.
20 Mar 50 MGKA-14959.	20 Sep 50 WFPA-5751.	27 Aug 52 MGLA-12955.	2 Sep 55 PULL-
20 Mar 50 MGLA-1540.	19 Oct 50 PULLF-1195.	10 Sep 52 EGLA-113.	1723.
20 Mar 50 MGKA-15432.	23 Oct 50 WASHF-17828.	26 Sep 52 EGLA-323.	16 Dec 55 EGQA-
3 Apr 50 MGFA-3635.	30 Oct 50 MGLA-3904.	3 Oct 52 SPULL-4217.	72146.
3 Apr 50 MGFA-3636.	9 Nov 50 MGFA-4364.	6 Nov 52 ESBA-253.	28 Dec 55 EGNA-
17 Apr 50 MGFA-3657.	30 Dec 50 MGLA-4584.	13 Nov 52 SPULL-4439.	7844.
18 Apr 50 MGLA-1806.	17 Feb 51 MGLA-5260.	15 Jan 53 ESBA-542.	28 Mar 56 EGLW-
18 Apr 50 MGKW-4735.	10 Mar 51 MGLA-5608.	11 Feb 53 EGSA-1000.	2369.
9 May 50 PULLF-579.	4 Apr 51 PULL-1963.	20 Apr 53 SPULL-5474.	19 Oct 56, EGLA-
15 May 50 WASHF-4701.	14 Jun 51 MGLA-6849.	29 Apr 53 SROME-5677.	21104.
17 May 50 PULLF-612.	20 Jun 51 MGKA-30219.	30 Apr 53 SPULL-5554.	
3 Jun 50 MGFA-3800.	24 Jul 51 MGLA-7487.	8 Oct 53 EGNA-2918.	
9 Jun 50 PULLF-685.	30 Jul 51 MGLA-7582.	8 Oct 53 EGLA-5838.	
14 Jun 50 MGKW-5212.	8 Oct 51 MGLA-8460.	2 Nov 53 SBONN-1214.	
5 Jul 50 MGKW-5372.	5 Jan 52 MSZA-716.	6 Jan 54 EGLA-6975.	
7 Jul 50 MGLA-2524.	24 Jan 52 MASA-1237.	8 Jan 54 DIR-33337.	
10 Jul 50 MGLA-2603.	12 Feb 52 MGLA-10303.	9 Feb 54 EGNA-3748.	

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b. 3 Apr 1902.

Chronological Information:

1900-20 Humanistisches Gymnasium Breslau. Graduated.  
1920, Apr Entered military service (artillery).  
1923 Commissioned Second Lieutenant.  
1928 Promoted First Lieutenant.  
1931, Oct Married Herta (nee von SEYDLITZ-KURZBACH) GEHLEN on 11 Oct 1931, Glogau.  
1933 Travelled to Rome, Italy (leave).  
1933, Fall-  
1935, Jan Attended War Academy, Berlin.  
1934, May Promoted Captain.  
1937 Travelled to Finland and Sweden (leave).  
1937-38 First General Staff Officer 10 Department Fortifications.  
1937-45 German Wehrmacht troop duty Poland, France, Yugoslavia, Greece, Russia.  
1938-39 Battery Commander. - *18th Artillery Reg. (K/o 1939), 18th Div.*  
1939, Mar Promoted Major.  
39 Sep-Nov Ia (G-3) 213th Infantry Division.  
1939, Nov-  
1940, Jul OKH Gruppe Landesbefestigung (Chief, Fortifications Sect. General Staff).  
40 Jul-Nov Aide (Adjutant) to Chief of General Staff, General HALDER.  
1940 Nov-  
1942 Apr Chief Gruppenleiter I, Ost (Sect Chief within Dept for Plans and Operations).  
1941 Jul Promoted Lieutenant Colonel.  
1942 Apr-  
1945 Apr Chief ABT Fremde Heere Ost.  
1942 Dec Promoted Colonel.  
1944 Dec Promoted Brigadier General. (*Don Maj. in German (Germania)*)  
1945 Apr Dismissed by Special Order of Hitler on 9th of April.  
1945 May Prisoner of War, U.S. Forces, on 23 May.  
1945 May Prisoner of War arrived at the 12th Army Group IC on 27 May.  
1945 end Prisoner of War sent to USA by War Department.  
1946 Jun Prisoner of War returned from the States on 5 June.  
1946 Jul Since has cooperated with USIS.  
1946 Reinhard GEHLEN  
Profession: Merchant  
Address: c/o Dr. ERHARDT  
10 Guentherburg Allee  
Frankfurt a/M.  
1946 on Several trips to Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Spain and France.  
1946 Jul 12-  
49 Nov 30 Subject documented as having lived in Washington, D. C. during this period.  
55 Jan 19 German stamp.  
" 19 London Airport.  
" 22 Harwick, England.  
" 23 Hook of Holland.  
" 23 Kon. Marechaus Venlo stat. (Dutch border).  
" 23 German stamp.  
56 May 30 Dover.  
" 30 Belgie-U Havenoostends.  
" 30 Belgique-E Herbesihal 27.  
Jun 1 Belgique-S Herbesihal.  
" 1 Belgie-S Havenoostends Zeevaartpolitie 11.  
" 1 Dover.

This Information  
was extracted from  
Robert GRABER's  
passport,  
(Immigration stampings).

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The following is info on one of Reinhard 'GEHLEN's alias:

@ GONTARD, Robert

b. 4 Mar 1905, Breslau, Germany.

Father: Franz GONTARD, German.

Mother: Elsa GONTARD, German.

174 cms, blue eyes, dark blond hair, wears spectacles.

1937-45 German Wehrmacht.

1945- Merchant, 10 Guentherburg Allee, Frankfurt a/Main.

2 Apr 48 Subject issued KK H 478039, Frankfurt/M by Police President.

27 Dec 48 D-2831. Subject had passport # 49203.

19 Jul 50: TTD # 186070 cancelled this date. (had expired).

Jul 50 TTD # 0347186 issued.

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1954 (Jul): The following info submitted by POB's [ ]

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\* SCHNEEMILCH, Gerhard (Dr), @ SCHLEGEL, Dr.  
SCHNEEMILCH, Hans Dietrich, @ SCHLOEMEL, Dr.

1956, May: At UTILITY's request, [ ] is assisting Peter Christian GEHLEN in application for visa for immigration USA. Peter is son of UTILITY's deceased (1945) brother "Verlagsbuchhändler Doktor der Rechte Walter GEHLEN"; the young man intends to become US citizen, join army, go OCS and make career as US Army Officer. However, since he has been accepted into Tank Training unit in new German Army, he may change his mind.

1956, Mar: Maj. Gen. Willard Liebel, CG MAAG-Portugal, rptd that Counselor for Economic Affairs of the German Legation, Lisbon, Walter von GEHLEN, was a cousin of the German General von GEHLEN who had been charged with conducting intelligence ops against the Russians in WW II...that Walter von GEHLEN's wife is Gen. von GEHLEN's sister...Walter von GEHLEN is cousin to Gen. von GEHLEN. (POB note: accuracy of above statement cannot be confirmed).

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Outline of career of Reinhard GEHLEN as presented in Der Spiegel, Vol VIII,  
No 39, 22 Sep 1954, Hamburg, pg 12-25

Father: had been active officer in old army; retired early; became publica-  
tion director at publishing house of Ferdinand Hirt in Breslau

- (18 years old; secondary-school graduate)
- 1920 Reinhard GEHLEN one of first officer candidates of new temporary Reichswehr (Reich Armed Forces) whose reduction to 100,000 men was still in future; joined First Battery of the Schweidnitz Artillery Regiment No. 6
- 1923, Dec 1 2nd  
Commissioned/Lt., 2nd Battery of Schweidnitz 3rd Artillery Regiment, formed from the 6th Artillery Regt.  
Three more years in battery service in the stables and in the barracks.
- 1926 GEHLEN, one of the most brilliant riders in the regiment, was ordered to Hannover cavalry school for 2 years (instruction of officers of mounted and horse-drawn troops in "the comprehensive training of the soldier's horse and its rider.")
- 1928 During cavalry-school tour of duty made 1st Lt., after 8 years of service.
- 1929-32 Battalion Adjutant (accord. to army register); had 12 years of of service; was married to daughter of old Hussar officer, nee von SEYDLITZ.
- 1933 ordered to  
1st Lt. GEHLEN from AR 3, Military Area III, Berlin for training as "assistant chief of staff" ~~following selection~~ at military-area hqs following selection based on mandatory examinations which all Reichswehr officers had to take at military-area hqs in middle of the first-lieutenant stage; hardly ever were more than an average of 10 officer picked from each military area. There was no central war academy.
- 1934 Captain; 14th year of service  
Military-area instruction courses transferred to the re-established Berlin War Academy. Reinhard GEHLEN belonged to first class which in 1935 completed the final grind at the War Academy, and was one of the selected ("red stripe" General Staff) officers ordered to the General Staff; after a probationary year he was definitely moved to the General Staff and allowed to wear the red stripe on his pants.
- 1935 Adjutant to Deputy Chief of General Staff I (Operations) on the General Staff of the Army, who was deputy of the Chief of Staff and also in charge of Section 1 (Operations); Capt. GEHLEN had no contact with Sec. 3 (Foreign Armies West) and 12 (Foreign Armies East) because they were under command of Deputy Chief of the General Staff IV (Intelligence). After a year as Adjutant, GEHLEN transferred to Operations Section under command of General von MANSTEIN; after a further year moved into Home Fortification Section which had been formed from Section 1.
- 1936
- 1937

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Capt. GEHLEN, in his 18th year of service, had never commanded a unit of his own.

1938

General von MANSTEIN on 1 Apr 38 took command of 18th Infantry Division whose 18th Artillery Regiment had grown out of AR 3, GEHLEN's parent unit; Capt. GEHLEN assigned commander of the 8th Battery of the 18th Regiment at Liegnitz.

In Polish War, Major GEHLEN was First General-Staff Officer (Ia), 213d Div.

Recalled to General Staff of the Army; first functioned as liaison officer to various armies (16th of Gen. BUSCH "where so difficult a man as Gen. MODEL was C of S; and armored groups of HOTH and GUDERIAN).

Diplomatic talents exhibited by GEHLEN as liaison officer prompted Chief of the General Staff, General HALDER, to name him as his Adjutant.

After his tour as adjutant, GEHLEN called to Operations Section under command of then Colonel HEUSINGER; GEHLEN became director of Eastern Group in Operations Section.

Replaced Colonel KINZEL as chief of Section "Foreign Armies East"; Colonel GEHLEN for the first time came in contact with variant of intelligence service functions. GEHLEN promoted successfully, within a year, inclusion of intelligence-service duties and evaluation of results in Ic sections to extent that Ic officers of army-group high commands had so-called "front reconnaissance troops" at their disposal in regimental strength; front reconnaissance formations were divided up into Commands I (procurement of secret info), II (demoralization of enemy and sabotage) and III (counteract and render harmless the foreign intel. serv. and itself infiltrate the enemy services with its own undercover agents) and the newly organized group RÜ (Rüstungsaufklärung - armaments reconnaissance). As Admiral CANARIS's counterintelligence fell apart GEHLEN's own intelligence service took form; in May '44 CANARIS was removed and at this time GEHLEN had his own Army Intelligence Service standing in the East which could continue its work relatively undisturbed under protective cover of the General Staff and the Ic service of the high staffs; GEHLEN, according to classical pattern of his function on General Staff, should have been reviewing enemy's situation on eastern front but was in fact chief of counterintelligence in eastern theater of war.

1944

" , Dec 24 GUDERIAN, last Army Chief of Staff, gave situation briefing to HITLER based on General GEHLEN's statements; HITLER scoffed.

1945, Jan 9 GUDERIAN gave another situation briefing based on Gen. GEHLEN's data; HITLER demanded GEHLEN's replacement.

" , summer GEHLEN surrendered near Elendsalm (Schliensee) to American patrol flown to Washington with some of his officers and files. headed a German staff (resurrected Section Foreign Armies East of the German General Staff) of specialists to work on intelligence about Soviet union and its sphere of influence.

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